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1. COMMENTS KEYED PARAS 5A., B. AND C.
2. FIVE A. - THERE ELEMENT TRUTH IN DEPT'S INTERPRETATION BUT ONLY A SMALL ELEMENT. SOMALI SHOPPING LISTS THROUGHOUT MY MISSION HERE HAVE BEEN JUST THAT, NOTHING MORE. AID'S JAMES KELLY MISSION MOGADISCIO 1976 AND RECENT GULICK MISSION ARE CASES RECALL. SOMALIS ALWAYS ASK FOR MOON*

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3. FIVE B. - IN CASE MILITARY SHOPPING LIST DELIVERED BY ADDOU AM CONVINCED THIS NOT RPT NOT PURELY FOR USG BUT IS IMMEDIATE REQUIREMEN
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FROM ANY AND ALL SOURCES, WIH HOPE (PLEA) USG WILL DEMONSTRATE SUPPORTIVE ROLE IF NOT DIRECTLY THAN THROUGH OUR ALLIES AND

OTHER RECIPIENTS USG FMS OR COMMERCIAL SALES AGREEMENTS. STATED ANOTHER WAY, SOMALI LEADERSHIP HAS STUDIED US ARMS TRANSFER POLICY AND CONCLUDES US WILL HAVE MAKE FUNDAMENTAL DECISION AID SOMALIA DIRECTLY (A HOPE) OR PERMIT OTHERS ASSIST SOMALIA. SUGGEST STRONGLY DEPT KEEP IN MIND MY OVERVIEW STATEMENT (MOGADISCIO 0927 (NOTAL)).

4. FIVE C. - THIS IS PURE ADDOUISM. ABDULLAHI WILL ALWAYS ATTEMPT PUT BEST LIGHT ON ANY SITUATION APPEARLING US/SOMALI RELATIONS. HE FREQUENTLY MOVES AHEAD SIAD SCENARIO. BUT IN SO DOING HE KNOWS INTIMATELY SIAD'S CONSISTENT VIEWS THAT US PARTICIPATED WITH FORMER COLONIAL POWERS IN BRITISH TURNOVER HAUD TO HAILE SELASSIE AND CONSEQUENT ABILITY EMPEROR'S MINIONS RE COMMERCE TAXING, HARRASSING AND VIOLATING HUMAN RIGHTS SOMALI NOMADS IN OGADEN. BY EXTENSION SIAD (AND PREVIOUS GOVT) HAVE BEEN EQUALLY CONSISTENT IN THEIR ANALYSIS OUR SILENCE WHEN HAILE SELASSIE TOOK OVER ERITREA IN 1964 IN SPITE OF UN RESOLUTIONS. IN CLASSIC SOMALI WAY, SIAD HOPES USG, WITH CURRENT EMPHASIS ON RECOGNITION HUMAN RIGHTS WORLD-WIDE, WILL ACT POSITIGELY WITHOUT SOMALIS BECOMING SUPPLICANTS -- SOME-THING WHICH CONFLICTS DIRECTLY WITH CHARACTER THESE NOMADIC PEOPLE. SUGGEST DEPT REVIEW MEMCONS DEP ASSIST SECY SEELYE'S MARCH MEETING WITH SIAD.
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